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Docket No. BOC9-1999-0075 (1963-7376)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant: Willner et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2881

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Examiner: Unassigned

For: A LASER SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATION HAVING IMPROVED  
SIGNAL CONTINUITY AND SAFETY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-designated application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, second paragraph, lines 19-21, replace as follows:

*Sub C1*  
*A1*  
Laser systems have many applications in the commercial, medical and educational environments. Laser light differs from ordinary light in three ways: it is monochromatic, coherent and directional. One of the key issues with lasers is their safety of operation. A great deal of energy is focused on a small area which may be beneficial or destructive according to the environment. For example, laser systems employing a laser pointer in an educational presentation may cause accidental exposure of the laser beam by the audience. Thus, the laser frequency and power output are minimized to avoid tissue damage should accidental exposure to the beam occur.